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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 188
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A RESOLUTION to honor Wilson County Deputy James D.
Horner for valor in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 1997, Wilson County Sheriff's Deputy James D. Horner was on patrol on Colesferry Pike near Cairo Bend Road in Northwestern Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Horner came upon a wreck with injury at the same time the call was being dispatched; and

WHEREAS, he found a utility vehicle turned over on its passenger side, and saw that the occupant of the vehicle, a young male, was partially trapped inside and partially outside the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, with flames coming from the hood of the vehicle, Deputy Horner used a fire extinguisher in an attempt to douse the fire; however, the fire continued to burn and the flames grew larger; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Horner then entered the rear of the vehicle to check on the victim and while inside determined it would be impossible to remove the victim through the back of the vehicle, then went to the front of the vehicle and removed the broken windshield of the vehicle. He then entered the vehicle again to try and remove the seat out of the car with the aid of a citizen who was at the scene; and

WHEREAS, the flames continued shooting out of the hood area of the vehicle, creating an intense heat; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Horner summoned area residents to get water to the accident scene; and

WHEREAS, with the aid of a hosepipe, Deputy Horner was able to extinguish the fire while Wilson County Emergency Management Association Personnel treated the victim; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Horner's quick and decisive action in the face of adversity enabled him to save the life of the young Wilson County resident; and

WHEREAS, such acts of bravery clearly merit the commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Wilson County Sheriff's Deputy James S. Horner for his unflagging service to the people of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.